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PORT LOUIS, PRETORIA, RABAT, TANANARIVE, TRIPOLI, TUNIS,
ALGIERS, YAOUNDE FROM SECSTATE ON JUN 09, RPTD TO YOU:

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1. WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE APOLLO LUNAR LANDING PROGRAM,
THE PRESIDENT IS SENDING TO EACH ADDRESSEE POST AN IN-
SCRIBED MOUNTED LUNAR SAMPLE FOR PRESENTATION TO ADDRESSEE
COUNTRIES FOR PERMANENT RETENTION AND DISPLAY. REFTL
STATED THAT LUNAR SAMPLE WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COUN-
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TRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE TOUR.

2. PRESENTATION ITEM WILL CONSIST OF PLAQUE MOUNTED WITH FLAG OF EACH COUNTRY CARRIED TO THE MOON ON APOLLO 17 MISSION AND PEA- SIZE LUNAR SAMPLE ACCOMPANIED BY PRESIDENTIAL LETTER. INSCRIPTION WILL STATE THAT LUNAR SAMPLE IS GIFT FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE HOST COUNTRY.

3. DEPARTMENT ENVISAGES PRESENTATION BY AMBASSADOR OR PRINCIPLE OFFICER TO AN APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL OF HOST GOVERNMENT IN A CEREMONY WITH MAXIMUM INFORMATION MEDIA COVERAGE. POSTS IN COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE TOUR SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, FEATURE PRESENCE OF IYST STUDENT IN CEREMONY AND FEATURE HIS DESIGNATION AS HONORARY CUSTODIAN.

4. PRESENTATION ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR DISTRIBUTION VIA REGISTERED POUCH WEEK OF JUNE 18. POSTS REQUESTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ITEM BY TELEGRAM WHEN RECEIVED. SUGGESTED SCRIPT FOR PRESENTATION WILL BE SENT BY SEPARATE AIRGRAM.

5. POSTS REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF PRESENTATION ITEM. GOVERNMENT SHOULD DESIGNATE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTION CAPABLE OF AND INTERESTED IN PLACING ITEM ON PERMANENT PUBLIC DISPLAY UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WILL ASSURE THAT LUNAR SAMPLE RECEIVES ADEQUATE VISIBILITY AND COMPLETE AND CONTINUING PROTECTION. POSTS SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING FOR PRESENTATION INCLUDING PRINCIPAL HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO WOULD ATTEND CEREMONY AND NAME OF INSTITUTION DESIGNATED FOR RETENTION AND DISPLAY OF GIFT.

6. FOR YAOUNDE: PRESENTATION ITEMS FOR CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC WILL BE FORWARDED YOUR POST FOR ACTION. RUSH

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